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IPIR OF BLACK SHIELD MISSION BX6738, 10 DEC 67, REVEALS THE FOLLOWING:

1. THIRTY-FIVE PERCENT CLOUD COVER, HAZE, OBLIQUITY, AND SMALL SCALE, AS IT RELATES TO THE REPORTING OF INSURGENT ACTIVITY, LIMIT INTELLIGENCE DERIVED FROM MISSION. THE GENERAL NATURE OF THE TERRAIN AND THE HEAVY TREE CANOPY FURTHER LIMITS IDENTIFICATION OF VC/PVN ACTIVITY SIGNATURES.

2. NO COMIREX TARGETS OBSERVED ON CLOUD-FREE PHOTOGRAPHY.

3. SEVEN SPECIFIED/PRIORITY SEARCH AREAS WERE ANALYZED FOR EVIDENCE OF VC/PVN ACTIVITY. THE AREAS ARE CONTAINED WITHIN A 5-NM RADIUS OF THE FOLLOWING COORDINATES: 1435N 10734E AND 1437N 10736E [REDACTED] -- ROAD CONSTRUCTION IS OBSERVED ON CLEAR PHOTOGRAPHY (SEE PARAGRAPH 4C); 1430N 10728E AND 1432N 10728E [REDACTED], 1407N 10742E [REDACTED] AND 1410N 10742E AND 1442N 10748E [REDACTED] -- OBSERVED ON [REDACTED] CLEAR PHOTOGRAPHY. NO VC/PVN ACTIVITY IS IDENTIFIED.

4. THE FOLLOWING BONUS TARGETS ARE IDENTIFIED:

(A) LAOS ROUTE 92 IS OBSERVED TO BE IN USE, WITHIN THE LIMITS OF CLOUD-FREE PHOTOGRAPHY, FROM 1622N 10632E (UTM XD647106) TO 1609N 10641E (XC813861). AN ADDITIONAL 20-NM SEGMENT OF ROUTE 5,6 92, PREVIOUSLY OPENED NORTH OF BAN BAC, IS PROBABLY IN USE FROM ROUTE 914 TO THE BAN BAC AREA.

(B) A HEAVILY-USED TRAIL IN CAMBODIA EXTENDS FROM 131710N 1073210E (UTM YV748700), GENERALLY SOUTHEAST TO 131420N 1073420E (YV788651), WHERE IT TURNS DUE EAST, ENTERS SOUTH VIETNAM AT 131420N 1073455E (YV797649), AND CONTINUES TO 131440N 1074350E (YV958656). A BIVOUAC AREA ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE TRAIL IN CAMBODIA AT 131520N 1073345E (YV776667) CONSISTS OF A CIRCULAR PATTERN OF FOXHOLES WITH 2 AW POSITIONS IN THE CENTER.

(C) THE EXTENSION OF THE MOTORABLE PORTION OF LAOS ROUTE 110 IS INTERMITTENTLY OBSERVED FROM THE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED TERMINUS AT UTM YB650205, EAST TO YB696210, THEN SOUTHEAST INTO THE CAMBODIA TRI-BORDER AREA AT YB710184. FROM THIS POINT THE ROAD DIVIDES. ONE PART CONTINUES SOUTH TO YB713169, WITH PROBABLE ROAD CLEARING EXTENDING AN ADDITIONAL 1,500 YARDS; AND THE SECOND PART PROCEEDS GENERALLY NORTHEAST TO YB738209, WITH POSSIBLE ROAD CLEARING EXTENDING AN ADDITIONAL 1,000 YARDS.

5. BRIDGES REPORTED AT UTM YB736212 AND YB736208 ARE NOT OBSERVED ON CLOUD-FREE PHOTOGRAPHY.

6. NPIC WILL NOT DISSEMINATE A HARD COPY IPIR ON THIS MISSION.

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